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Title: *Consistency Determination Method and System*

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY "A"**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.

**Conclusion and Request for Extension** begins on page 37 of this paper.

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